

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to After Final 6/6/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 19,23 and 24.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)           |
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|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |

### ***DETAILED ACTION***

In the previous Office Action mailed 06 March 2006, the Examiner allowed claims 23 and 24. Also the Examiner objected to claim 19 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

### ***Reasons for Allowance***

The After Final mailed 06 June 2006 amended claim 19 and cancelled claims 1-18, 20-22, and 25. Therefore claims 19 and 24-25 are allowed. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R 1.109 and M.P.E.P 1302.14, the following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

Claim 19 is directed toward a method for determining and subsequently storing e-mail address formatting rules. The prior art of record fails to teach each and every limitation of the claim. Specifically, applicable prior art discloses determining e-mail address format rules that are based on domain name portions of the e-mail address. However, the prior art is silent regarding the determination of formatting rules that are solely based on the name/unique identifier portion of the email address that corresponds to an identified domain name portion. As a result, the aforementioned claims indicate a non-obvious methodology over the prior art.

Claims 23 and 24 are directed toward a method for determining and subsequently storing e-mail address formatting rules. The prior art of record fails to teach each and every limitation of the claims. Specifically, the aforementioned claims describe a unique method for determining e-mail address formatting rules through the application of probability assigned to a gathered list of known names and a probability assigned to the previously determined e-mail address format rules. Applicable prior art discloses determining e-mail address formats through employing a probability (i.e. weight) based on frequency, but only as applied to entries of an e-mail address resolution list. As a result, the aforementioned claims indicate a non-obvious methodology over the prior art.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LaShanya R Nash whose telephone number is (571) 272-3957. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenton Burgess can be reached on (571) 272-3949. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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